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- The former managing clerk for a New York-based law firm Simpson Thacher & Bartlett was indicted January 15 for allegedly using his position to obtain nonpublic information and pass it on to 2 other men from New Jersey and New York City who traded on the information to obtain \$5.6 million in illicit profits. – *NJ.com* (See item [5](#))
- Authorities in Dallas, Texas, are searching for a suspect known as the "Lunch Buddy Bandit" believed to be responsible for 11 bank robberies in the area since December. – *KTVT 11 Fort Worth* (See item [6](#))
- The U.S. Department of Transportation announced January 15 that it fined Southwest Airlines \$1.6 million for violating tarmac delay rules during a 2014 winter storm in Chicago, Illinois. – *NBC News* (See item [8](#))
- A 2-alarm fire at Quality Growers Floral Company's moss farm in Volusia County, Florida, January 16 engulfed 3 structures and caused an estimated \$2 million in damage. – *Central Florida News 13* (See item [15](#))

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Energy Sector

1. ***January 15, Salt Lake Tribune*** – (Utah) **Ex-Utah utility executive admits stealing thousands from taxpayer-owned company.** The former chief financial officer of Heber Light & Power pleaded guilty January 14 to stealing over \$50,000 from the company by billing personal expenses to a company account between February 2010 and May 2013.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/news/2063018-155/ex-utah-utility-executive-admits-stealing-thousands>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. ***January 15, U.S. Chemical Safety Board*** – (National) **CSB releases safety bulletin on anhydrous ammonia incident near Mobile, Alabama safety bulletin notes five key lessons to prevent hydraulic shock.** The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) released its safety bulletin January 15 which reports safety lessons derived from an investigation in a 2010 anhydrous ammonia release at Millard Refrigerated Services Inc., in Theodore, Alabama, in an effort to educate industries that utilize anhydrous ammonia in bulk refrigeration operations on how to avoid hydraulic shock. The report recommended that users should avoid the manual interruption of evaporators in defrost and ensure control systems are equipped with password protection, among other findings.

Source: <http://www.csb.gov/csb-releases-safety-bulletin-on-anhydrous-ammonia-incident-near-mobile-alabama-safety-bulletin-notes-five-key-lessons-to-prevent-hydraulic-shock/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. ***January 16, Detroit News*** – (National) **U.S. opens probe into 50,000 2015 Jeep Cherokee SUVs.** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announced January 16 that it is opening an investigation into 50,000 model year 2015 Jeep Cherokee vehicles prompted by a fire that broke out in a new vehicle January 4 in California which quickly consumed the vehicle and a January 5 complaint that noted smoke coming from under the hood.

Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/business/autos/chrysler/2015/01/16/us->

[opens-probe-jeep-cherokee-suvs/21853619/](http://www.fbi.gov/wanted/opens-probe-jeep-cherokee-suvs/21853619/)

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

4. ***January 16, Associated Press*** – (Ohio) **Ohio man accused of defrauding 19 investors out of millions.** A Uniontown, Ohio man was indicted January 14 for allegedly running a Ponzi scheme between October 2009 and September 2013 that defrauded 19 investors and resulted in investor losses of about \$5.5 million.

Source:

http://hosted2.ap.org/OHDEG/80f29b286d7947b8b83363545418dc2b/Article_2015-01-16-OH-Investment-Fraud-Scheme/id-868b0e448df945fbbfbb8bcffafdef8e

5. ***January 15, NJ.com*** – (New Jersey; New York) **Law firm insider faces charges in \$5.6M trading scheme.** The former managing clerk for New York-based law firm Simpson Thacher & Bartlett was indicted January 15 for allegedly using his position to obtain nonpublic information and pass it on to 2 other men from New Jersey and New York City who traded on the information to obtain \$5.6 million in illicit profits. One of the men pleaded guilty in April 2014 and charges are pending against the other alleged participant.

Source:

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2015/01/law_firm_insider_faces_charges_in_56_million_tradi.html

6. ***January 15, KTVT 11 Fort Worth*** – (Texas) **'Lunch Buddy Bandit' may be responsible for 11 Dallas bank robberies.** Authorities in Dallas are searching for a suspect known as the "Lunch Buddy Bandit" believed to be responsible for 11 bank robberies in the area since December.

Source: <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2015/01/15/lunch-buddy-bandit-may-be-responsible-for-11-dallas-bank-robberies/>

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Transportation Systems Sector

7. ***January 15, Associated Press*** – (Kansas) **Train crash, derailment closes Kan. highway, injures 3.** The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that a train collided with a semi-truck on Kansas 39 in Wilson County January 15 causing 3 injuries and the train to derail. The accident remains under investigation.

Source: <http://salinapost.com/2015/01/15/train-crash-derailment-closes-kan-highway->

injures-3/

8. ***January 15, NBC News*** – (National) **U.S. fines Southwest Airlines record \$1.6 million for runway delays.** The U.S. Department of Transportation announced January 15 that it fined Southwest Airlines \$1.6 million for violating tarmac delay rules during a winter storm in Chicago in 2014 by not giving passengers the chance to disembark from the aircraft after 3 hours of waiting time.
Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/u-s-fines-southwest-airlines-record-1-6-million-runway-n287236>
9. ***January 15, Easton Express-Times*** – (Pennsylvania) **Interstate 95 accident in Bucks County leaves one dead, closes northbound lanes.** Interstate 95 in Bensalem Township was closed for several hours January 15 following an accident involving 2 semi-trucks and 3 passenger vehicles that caused 1 death and several injuries.
Source: http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/breaking-news/index.ssf/2015/01/interstate_95_accident_in_buck.html
10. ***January 15, KGTV 10 San Diego*** – (California) **Fatal crash shuts down SR-78 in San Marcos.** Westbound lanes of Route 78 in San Marcos were shut down January 15 for more than 2 hours after an incident where an occupant of a 2-vehicle accident on the eastbound side ran across the highway to the westbound side and was fatally struck by another vehicle.
Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/fatal-crash-shuts-down-sr-78-in-san-marcos>
11. ***January 15, KTVT 11 Fort Worth*** – (Texas) **Fiery big rig crash closes highway in Dallas.** Interstate 30 in Dallas was closed for several hours after a semi-truck carrying produce caught on fire after hitting a barrier wall when a tire blew out spilling diesel fuel and food onto the roadway. Firefighters and cleanup crews responded to the scene.
Source: <http://dfw.cbslocal.com/2015/01/15/-fiery-big-rig-crash-closes-highway-in-dallas/>
12. ***January 14, Dickinson Press*** – (North Dakota) **Mandan Tesoro refinery recalls jet fuel.** Tesoro Corp. stated January 14 that it recalled jet fuel January 9-10 that was produced at its refinery in Mandan because it did not meet aviation specifications, delaying flights at Theodore Roosevelt Regional Airport and Bismarck Municipal Airport January 9.
Source: <http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/news/north-dakota/3655445-mandan-tesoro-refinery-recalls-jet-fuel>
13. ***January 14, Associated Press*** – (New Jersey) **London-bound flight returns to N.J. due to smoke report.** A United Airlines flight with 84 passengers and 13 crew members traveling from New Jersey to London returned to Newark Liberty International Airport after reports of possible smoke in the cabin. A United spokeswoman stated that the flight landed safely and was canceled while maintenance examined the aircraft.

Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/nation/2015/01/14/plane-turned-back/21754995/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

14. ***January 16, Jamestown Sun*** – (North Dakota) **Man trapped in beans up to chest in grain bin rescued.** Rescue crews used special equipment January 15 to safely extract a man who was trapped in a grain bin at Kensal Farmers Elevator Co., in Stutsman County. Authorities are investigating the incident and are working to determine the identity of the individual and why he was in the bin.
Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/news/state/3657002-man-trapped-beans-chest-grain-bin-rescued>
15. ***January 16, Central Florida News 13*** – (Florida) **Fire destroys 3 buildings at De Leon Springs farm.** A 2-alarm fire at Quality Growers Floral Company's moss farm in Volusia County January 16 engulfed 3 structures and caused an estimated \$2 million in damage. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
Source:
http://www.mynews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2015/1/16/fire_breaks_out_at_p.html
16. ***January 16, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*** – (National) **Franklin Farms issues allergy alert for Chili-Bean Veggiburgers due to undeclared peanut allergen.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced January 15 that Franklin Farms issued a voluntary recall for some Chili-Bean Veggiburgers after a third party supplier notified the company that one of the spice ingredients used in the products may contain undeclared peanut. The recalled products were sold through retail stores and foodservice channels in several States.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm430570.htm>
17. ***January 16, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*** – (National) **Garden Lites issues allergy alert on undeclared peanuts in Garden Lites Kale & Quinoa Souffle, Garden Lites Southwestern Souffle, Garden Lites Veggie Chili & Cornbread Melt, Garden Lites Kale & Brown Rice Veggie Bites & Classic Cooking Kale and Quinoa Veggie Cakes.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported January 15 that Garden Lites, The Delicious Vegetable Company, owned and operated by Classic Cooking LLC, issued a voluntary recall of several products sold in retail stores nationwide after a third party vendor notified the company that cumin used in the products was contaminated with peanut allergen. The affected products include Garden Lites Kale & Quinoa Souffle, Garden Lites Southwestern Souffle, Garden Lites Veggie Chili & Cornbread Melt, Garden Lites Kale & Brown Rice Veggie Bites, and Classic Cooking Kale and Quinoa Veggie Cakes.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm430560.htm>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

18. *January 15, KRWG 22 Las Cruces* – (New Mexico) **Sunland Park: Mexico wastewater spill contained.** The City of Sunland Park reported January 13 that partially treated water from a water treatment plant in Mexico spilled across the border and into parts of the city, and that authorities alerted residents to be cautious walking in the areas surrounding the spill. U.S. and Mexican officials worked to treat the affected areas and minimize the impact of the spill, and the New Mexico Environmental Department Ground Water Division was alerted to investigate the incident.
Source: <http://krwg.org/post/sunland-park-mexico-wastewater-spill-contained>

19. *January 15, Sanford Herald* – (North Carolina) **SANFORD: 2,200 gallons of wastewater enter Cape Fear River Basin.** The Sanford Public Works Department stated that more than 2,200 gallons of untreated wastewater spilled into the Little Buffalo and Big Buffalo Creek from 7 different man holes January 12 due to heavy rains. The Superintendent of Sanford's Sewer Utilities Department stated that City of Sanford employees vacuumed the wastewater and that the North Carolina Division of Water Resources was reviewing the incident.
Source: <http://www.sanfordherald.com/news/x761903775/SANFORD-2-200-gallons-of-wastewater-enter-Cape-Fear-River-Basin>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

20. *January 15, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Hazmat situation at Jessie Trice sends 7 to the hospital.** Over 100 individuals were evacuated while 7 others were transported to an area hospital after being exposed to Phenol, a strong disinfectant, when 2 small glass containers broke at the Jessie Trice Community Health Center in Northwest Miami-Dade January 15. Crews worked to clean the solution before allowing people back into the building.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/miami-dade/edison-liberty-city/article6706542.html>

21. *January 15, KLFY 10 Lafayette* – (Louisiana) **Electrical malfunction temporarily closes VA clinic.** An electrical malfunction due to a failed central heating system forced the Lafayette Veteran's Affairs Outpatient Clinic in Louisiana to close January 15 through January 20 while crews cleaned the smoke and residue and repaired the system.
Source: <http://klfy.com/2015/01/15/electrical-malfunction-temporarily-closes-va-clinic/>

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Government Facilities Sector

22. ***January 15, Long Island Newsday*** – (New York) **Authorities investigate bomb threats at three East End high schools, officials say.** Bishop McGann-Mercy High School, Riverhead High School, and Mercy High School in New York were evacuated and classes were cancelled following a series of bomb threats January 15. Police cleared the campuses after no suspicious devices were found and continue to investigate the threats.
Source: <http://www.newsday.com/long-island/suffolk/authorities-investigate-bomb-threats-at-three-east-end-high-schools-officials-say-1.9812066>
23. ***January 15, Associated Press*** – (International) **2nd Navy captain pleads guilty in bribery scheme.** A second U.S. Navy captain pleaded guilty in San Diego January 15 to conspiring to commit bribery in a scheme involving a Malaysian defense contractor accused of defrauding the U.S. military out of at least \$20 million. Four officers were charged for allegedly providing classified information to Singapore-based Glenn Defense Marine Asia Ltd., in exchange for bribes.
Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/2nd-navy-captain-pleads-guilty-in-bribery-scheme/ar-AA8bwz6>
24. ***January 15, KNBC 4 Los Angeles*** – (California) **Bomb threat at Long Beach City College prompts evacuation.** Long Beach City College students were evacuated from buildings on the Long Beach campus January 15 while police investigated a possible explosive device in a vehicle. Classes resumed after 4 hours once police deemed the area safe.
Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Possible-Explosive-Device-Found-at-Long-Beach-City-College-LBPD-288715801.html>
25. ***January 15, United Press International*** – (Oklahoma) **OK police chief shot in school bomb threat investigation.** Officials cancelled classes at all Sentinel Public Schools January 15 due to an alleged bomb threat made to the Community Action Center. The Sentinel police chief was shot multiple times and suffered minor injuries during an investigation into the threats that led a husband and wife to open fire on the police chief and two Washita County sheriff's deputies while they were entering the suspects' residence.
Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2015/01/15/OK-police-chief-shot-in-school-bomb-threat-investigation/8651421352000/
26. ***January 15, Santa Cruz Sentinel*** – (Ohio) **FBI: Man planned to bomb US Capitol, kill officials.** The FBI arrested and charged an Ohio man January 14 after his Twitter posts sympathizing with Islamic terrorists led to an undercover operation where he attempted to convince an FBI informant that they should blow up the U.S. Capitol and kill government officials by sharing his plans for the plot. A Cincinnati-area resident was also charged during the week of January 12 for threatening to murder a U.S. government representative.

Source: <http://www.santacruzsntinel.com/general-news/20150115/fbi-man-planned-to-bomb-us-capitol-kill-officials>

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Emergency Services Sector

27. ***January 15, KSDK 5 St. Louis*** – (Missouri) **STL Co. employee causes HIPAA breach.** St. Louis County officials notified an unknown number of inmates at the Buzz Westfall Justice Center after learning that a former health department employee emailed a document that contained the names and Social Security numbers of some inmates who were at the justice center between 2008 and 2014, to their own personal email account. The former employee was told to delete the document and authorities do not believe any of the information was accessed beyond the worker.
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2015/01/15/hippa-breach-martellaro/21821215/>

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Information Technology Sector

28. ***January 16, Softpedia*** – (International) **Google reveals security flaw in Windows 7, 8.1, patch to be shipped in February.** Researchers with Google released details and a proof of concept (PoC) for a vulnerability in Windows 7 and Windows 8.1 that could allow an attacker to encrypt or decrypt data. Microsoft stated that a fix for the vulnerability will be released in February.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Google-Reveals-Security-Flaw-in-Windows-7-8-1-Patch-to-Be-Shipped-in-February-470191.shtml>

29. ***January 16, Help Net Security*** – (International) **One-click mobile fraud variant throws browser for a loop.** Symantec researchers observed a variant of a mobile one-click fraud scam currently being used against users in Japan that creates a continuous barrage of pop-up ads when a user tries to close the ad which directs them to sign up for a paid service. The attack incapacitates the browser but other apps can be used and the attack can be stopped by clearing the contents of the browser cache.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17831>

30. ***January 16, Softpedia*** – (International) **Teen arrested for last year's DDoS attack on PSN and Xbox networks.** Authorities in the U.K. in cooperation with the FBI arrested a man January 16 for allegedly participating in distributed denial of service (DDoS) attacks against the Sony Playstation and Microsoft Xbox gaming networks during 2014.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Teen-Arrested-for-Last-Year-s-DDoS-Attack-on-PSN-and-Xbox-Networks-470257.shtml>

31. ***January 16, Help Net Security*** – (International) **Typosquatting abuse of 500 most**

popular websites analyzed. Researchers with the University of Leuven in Belgium and Stony Brook University in the U.S. released a report on their research into typosquatting domains where attackers register domains for misspelled popular domains to attempt to capture traffic. The researchers found that half of all typosquatting domains can be traced back to four page hosters, and that 95 percent of the most popular domains are targeted by typosquatters, among other findings.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=17833>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

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Commercial Facilities Sector

32. ***January 16, WBAL 11 Baltimore*** – (Maryland) **Fire ignites in Glen Burnie Toys R Us store; 2 sought.** Authorities ruled that a 2-alarm fire January 15 at a Toys R Us store in Glen Burnie started at a merchandise rack inside a storage room and was intentionally set. Police are searching for two suspects in connection with the fire that caused an estimated \$250,000 in damage to the building and its contents and forced the evacuation of the shopping center as a precaution.

Source: <http://www.wbaltv.com/news/fire-ignites-in-glen-burnie-toys-r-us-storage-room/30732302>

33. ***January 16, SC Magazine*** – (National) **Payment cards targeted in attack on pet supplies website.** ValuePetSupplies.com notified several thousand customers January 14 that an unauthorized party accessed the Tennessee-based company's servers and installed malware, potentially compromising the payment card data and other personal information of customers between November 25 and December 29. The malicious files were removed and the company took additional steps to mitigate the attack and secure its systems.

Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/payment-cards-targeted-in-attack-on-pet-supplies-website/article/392821/>

34. ***January 15, Nashville Tennessean*** – (Tennessee) **Franklin businesses re-open after gas leak.** About 50 people were evacuated from businesses at the Watson Glen

Shopping Center in Franklin January 15 after a contractor inadvertently struck a natural gas line near a sewer system which allowed gas to seep into the buildings. Businesses were allowed to reopen more than 3 hours later after crews capped the leak.

Source:

<http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/local/williamson/franklin/2015/01/15/gas-leak-prompts-evacuation-franklin-strip-mall/21811133/>

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Dams Sector

35. ***January 15, WEAU 13 Eau Claire – (Wisconsin) Lock and Dam 5A near Fountain City undergoing dewatering.*** Dewatering was completed at Lock and Dam 5A near Fountain City January 15 as part of a maintenance process on the upper Mississippi River locks and dams. Lock and Dam 5A was last dewatered in 1998 and the project is expected to cost \$3.7million.

Source: <http://www.weau.com/home/headlines/Lock-and-Dam-5A-near-Fountain-City-undergoing-dewatering-288756751.html>

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